

What is claimed is:

1. In combination, a jack concealing structure for a columnar support of a structure comprising:

an adjustable, flexible strap;

an adjustable jack;

a stiff skirt circumferentially adjustable relative to the columnar support for concealing the adjustable jack;

a mechanically adjustable clamp; and

the columnar support,

the adjustable jack for supporting and securing the columnar support,

the adjustable, flexible strap for surrounding and engaging a portion of the columnar support adjacent the adjustable jack,

the mechanically adjustable clamp for attaching the adjustable, stiff skirt to the adjustable, flexible strap and to the columnar support,

the adjustable, stiff skirt for concealing the adjustable jack,

the adjustable, flexible strap for folding over and for protectively covering the mechanically adjustable clamp.

2. The combination of claim 1, wherein the columnar support has a top end and a bottom end opposite the top end, the adjustable jack for placement at either the top end or the bottom end and concealed thereat by the adjustable, stiff skirt.

3. The combination of claim 1, wherein the adjustable, flexible strap is an annular band member having ends for disposing in lapped relation, the adjustable, flexible strap for placement about varying sizes, dimensions, and shapes of columnar supports having a cross-section selected from the group consisting of circular, square, and irregular cross-

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sections, the adjustable, flexible strap for concealing the mechanically adjustable clamp and for providing moisture protection to the columnar support.

4. The combination of claim 3, wherein the adjustable, flexible strap is constructed  
5 of a moisture adsorbing material.

5. The combination of claim 1, wherein the adjustable, stiff skirt is constructed and configured for immediate and easy access to the adjustable jack for adjusting and for securing the columnar support for leveling the structure and for maintaining the structure in level position.

6. The combination of claim 1, further comprising the structure, wherein the structure is a log cabin, the columnar support is a wood column attached to and supporting the log cabin, and the jack concealing structure coacts with the wood column of the log cabin for allowing ease of access to the adjustable jack for maintaining a level wood column and log cabin following wood shrinkage.

7. A columnar covering device for a jack comprising:  
a strap member;  
a skirt sized and shaped for covering the jack; and  
a band member for attaching the skirt to the strap member,  
the strap member being sized and shaped for folding over and enclosing the band member and a portion of the skirt.

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8. The columnar covering device of claim 7, wherein the jack is for supporting a structural support member, the strap member for surrounding about and securing to the structural support member, the skirt for concealing the jack and at least a portion of the structural support member.

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9. The columnar covering device of claim 8, wherein structural support member is selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.

10. The columnar covering device of claim 8, wherein the jack is an adjustable jack comprising a base plate, an incremental adjustable support mechanism, and a support plate.

11. The columnar covering device of claim 8, wherein the structural support member has a top portion and a bottom portion opposite the top portion, the jack being for placement at either the top portion or the bottom portion and concealed thereat by the skirt.

12. The columnar covering device of claim 7, wherein the strap, the skirt, and the band member are adjustable for securing structural support members having differing sizes, makes, and dimensions.

13. An apparatus for shielding a structure supporting device comprising:  
a first adjustable band member;  
a second adjustable band member; and  
an adjustable shield member for shielding the structure supporting device,  
the second adjustable band member for coupling the first adjustable band member with the adjustable shield member,  
the first adjustable band member for enclosing the second adjustable band member.

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14. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the structure supporting device is an adjustable jack for supporting a columnar structure selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.

15. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the adjustable jack is placed at an end of the columnar structure and is shielded therein by the adjustable shield member.

16. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the end of the columnar structure is a top end or a bottom end.

17. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the structure supporting device is an adjustable jack, the first adjustable band member is an adjustable strap member sized and constructed of a flexible material for folding over upon itself and over the second adjustable band member for providing cover for the second adjustable band member, the second adjustable band member is an adjustable clamp, and the adjustable shield member is an adjustable sleeve sized and constructed of a stiff material for providing cover for the adjustable jack.

18. The apparatus of claim 17, wherein the flexible material of the adjustable strap member and the stiff material of the adjustable sleeve coact with the adjustable clamp to extend upwards, downwards, or at an angle over the adjustable jack.

19. In combination, an apparatus for shielding a structure supporting device comprising:

- a first adjustable band member;
- a second adjustable band member;
- an adjustable shield member for shielding the structure supporting device; and
- a structural support,
- the second adjustable band member for coupling the first adjustable band member with
- the adjustable shield member and with the structural support,

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21. The combination of claim 20, wherein the adjustable jack is placed at an end of the structural support and is shielded therein by the adjustable shield member.

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23. The combination of claim 19, wherein the structure supporting device is an adjustable jack, the first adjustable band member is an adjustable strap member sized and constructed of a flexible material for folding over upon itself and over the second adjustable band member for providing cover for the second adjustable band member, the second adjustable band member is an adjustable clamp, and the adjustable shield member is an adjustable sleeve sized and constructed of a stiff material for providing cover for the adjustable jack.

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25. The combination of claim 24, wherein the flexible material and the stiff material present a uniform appearance blending with the structural support.

~~26. A jack concealing kit for columnar supports comprising:~~

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an adjustable strap member;

an adjustable clamp member,

the adjustable shield member for concealing and shielding the jack,

the adjustable strap member for enclosing the adjustable clamp member.

28. The jack concealing kit of claim 26, wherein the columnar support has opposing ends and is selected from the group consisting of a column, a post, a beam, and a joist.

29. The jack concealing kit of claim 28, wherein the jack is placed at any end of the columnar support and is concealed and shielded thereat by the adjustable shield member, the adjustable shield member covering a portion of the end of the columnar support.

30. The jack concealing kit of claim 29, wherein the end is a top surface or a bottom surface.

31. The jack concealing kit of claim 26, wherein the adjustable strap member and the adjustable clamp member are adjustable by materials selected from the group consisting of Velcro, adhesive, nail, screw, nut and bolt, and mechanical mechanism, the adjustable shield member being adjustable by overlap upon itself, Velcro or adhesive attachment, or by mechanical mechanism.

32. A method of concealing a jack using a jack concealing kit with a columnar support, the method comprising the acts of:

providing a jack;

attaching the jack to the columnar support and adjusting the jack for securing the

columnar support;

wrapping an adjustable, flexible strap about the secured columnar support and securing the adjustable, flexible strap to the secured columnar support;

wrapping an adjustable, stiff skirt about the secured adjustable, flexible strap and the secured columnar support and adjusting and securing the adjustable, stiff skirt to the

secured adjustable, flexible strap and the secured columnar support, thus covering the attached jack with the secured adjustable, stiff skirt and concealing the attached jack from view;

mounting, adjusting, and securing a mechanically adjustable clamp around and over the secured adjustable, flexible strap, the secured adjustable, stiff skirt, and the secured columnar support for securing same in assembled relation to conceal the attached jack; and

folding the secured adjustable, flexible strap over an upper end of the secured adjustable, stiff skirt and over the secured mechanically adjustable clamp for concealing at least a portion of the secured adjustable, stiff skirt and concealing and protectively covering the secured mechanically adjustable clamp.

33. The method of claim 32, wherein the acts of attaching the jack, wrapping the adjustable, flexible strap, wrapping the adjustable, stiff skirt, covering the attached jack, mounting, adjusting, and securing the mechanically adjustable clamp, and folding the secured adjustable, flexible strap are performed selectively right-side up for placement of the jack below the columnar support and upside-down for placement of the jack above the columnar support.

34. The method of claim 32, wherein the acts of attaching the jack, wrapping the adjustable, flexible strap, wrapping the adjustable, stiff skirt, covering the attached jack,

~~mounting, adjusting, and securing the mechanically adjustable clamp, and folding the secured adjustable, flexible strap are performed sequentially for installing the jack concealing kit.~~

35. The method of claim 32, further comprising the act of uninstalling the jack concealing kit by performing the acts of unfolding the secured adjustable, flexible strap, loosening and removing the mechanically adjustable clamp, uncovering the attached jack, unwrapping and removing the adjustable, stiff skirt, unwrapping and removing the adjustable, flexible strap, and loosening and detaching the jack from the columnar support.

36. The method of claim 32, further comprising accessing the attached jack through the adjustable, stiff skirt for further adjusting the attached jack and for leveling the columnar support.

37. The method of claim 32, wherein the folded over secured adjustable flexible strap provides a protective cover protecting the mechanically adjustable clamp and protecting the columnar support from moisture penetration.

38. The method of claim 32 further including lapping opposite ends of the adjustable, flexible strap in snug circumferential attached retained attachment about an outer perimeter of the columnar support and using the mechanically adjustable clamp to circumferentially clamp the stiff skirt in engaged relation with the adjustable, flexible strap in unitary assembled relation whereafter the secured adjustable, flexible strap is return bent to conceal the secured mechanically adjustable clamp.

39. The method of claim 32 wherein the jack and the column can be relatively adjusted with respect to one another where the column is a log and where the log

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has shrunk in length by loosening the secured adjustable, flexible strap to allow upright vertical edges of the secured adjustable, stiff skirt to be spread enabling access to be made to the jack for mechanical adjustment of the jack.

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